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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: TBA

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Examiner: TBA

Title: Surface Cleaning Apparatus

Commissioner for Patents

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 7.